

[P. M. E. Hill]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview.

NAME OF WORKER Albert Burks ADDRESS 239 So. 20th. Lincoln, Nebr.

DATE Oct. 17, 1938 SUBJECT American Folklore

1. Name and address of informant P.[?].E.Hill 309 So. 20.
2. Date and time of interview— 11:00-1 o'clock 1 to 2;00
3. Place of interview- At residence.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant- None, Acquaintance.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you- None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc., Interview took place in his bedroom. A plain but neat room with plain iron bed in one corner, dresser in another, small heating stove near center of room. Two rockers and 1 straight chair.

FORM B Personal history of Informant

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT P.M.E.Hill, 309 So, 20th.

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1. Ancestry Negro
2. Place and date of birth- Harlem Ferry New York, Febr., 3, 1870
3. Family- three
4. Place lived in, with dates- Moved to Columbus, Ohio, when a youngster, and to [Yahoo?] Miss. to Lincoln in 1911 and here often one since.
5. Education, with dates Finished College at Liverall University in New Orleans, 1900.
6. Occupations, and accomplishments, with dates. - Postal mail service for thirty five years until retirement.
7. Special skills and interests - Reading
8. Community and religious activities- Seventh Day Adventist.
9. Description of informant- Short, slender, real dark.
10. Other points gained in interview- Mentally alert.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT P.M.E.Hill.

"I was born in Harlem Terry, New York. My grandfather was a native of African, the Eruvian tribe. The Eruvians unlike the Liberian had a very high culture, their lineage can be traced back to King Soloman. He was never a slave but when they had a tribal up-raising

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against white invaders, the Eruvians were defeated and he stowayed on a lumber ship to Liverpool England, and became a subject of that country.

It was there where my father was born and one of his favorite jobs was attending the carriages of Queen Victoria. He came to the state when he was twenty.

My name P.M.E.Hill was taken partly from Tribal Chieftain of the Eruvian tribe. The P. stands for Ping: the M. for [Hunn?]; and the E.

for Efefizer, they were all important tribesman. I named my two girls Zanza and Zickaden. They were two generals in the Eruvian army.

Our family have been Seven Day Adventist clear from the day the missionary taught my grand-father that religion and taught him how to speak the English language.

Since my retirement I have been quite active in the organization of the National Association of Mail Carriers. One of the greatest moments of my life was when on the Convention floor in Philadelphia, before twenty thousand delegates, I led the to defeat the charter amendment to our constitution wherby the Negroes would have their 2 seperately and the white there own. I thought that policy was undemocratic.

All of my children have a college education; one is now a doctor and connected with a hospital in West Virginia. My other daughter died a couple of years ago. She was the only Negro girl to graduate from the Law College at the University of Nebraska. Down in [Yahoo?] she was a great friend of Senator [Bilbe's?].

I have spent quite a number of years in Lincoln but I love the south and want to die there. The white folks are better to you and will help you more than the northern white folks.